



Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission
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APPLICATION
FOR THE
INDIANA SUPREME COURT
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
Deadline – Wednesday, June 30, 2010

I. Provide your:

A. Full legal name and any former names. **Abigail Lawlis Kuzma** (maiden name:
Abigail Lawlis)

B. Current home and office addresses, including email addresses and telephone numbers.

Home Address:

Work Address: Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer Protection
Office of the IN Attorney General
302 West Washington St. 5th Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 234-6843

C. Date and place of birth. June 30, 1956; Bloomington, IN

D. Complete a State Police release form printed on green paper. Include the release only with the original application and not with the copies. See attached.

II. Attach a recent photograph of you to the front of the original application and to each copy of your application. See attached.

III. A. State in what county you currently reside and since what date. Marion Co. since 6/1989.

B. List all previous counties of residence, with dates. Monroe Co. IN from 1956-1981; Marion Co. IN from 1981-1984; Arlington Co., VA from 1984-1989.

C. When were you admitted to the Indiana Bar? 1981

D. Are you currently on active status? Yes

E. What is your attorney number? 5461-98

IV. A. List below all colleges and universities you attended other than law schools. Attach a certified transcript from each to the original application and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it before copying.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Enrolled</u>	<u>Degree or Certificate</u>
U. of Wisconsin, Madison	1974-1978	BA Philosophy

B. List below all law schools and post-J.D. programs attended. Attach a certified transcript from each to the original application and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it before copying.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Enrolled</u>	<u>Degree and Class Rank</u>
Indiana University Maurer School of Law	1978-1981	JD 65.3% (top 34.7%)

C. Describe any academic honors, awards, and scholarships you received and when. BA in Philosophy with Honors 1978; JD 1981: Articles Editor, Indiana Law Journal 1980-1981.

V. A. Provide your employment history since graduation from college, including titles or positions, locations, and dates.

Office of the Indiana Attorney General, Director and Chief Counsel for Consumer Protection, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2009-Present

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1994-2009

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Minority Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks, Washington, DC, 1988-1989

General Counsel, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Washington, DC, 1986-1988

Office of Senator Richard G. Lugar

Legislative Assistant for Health and Judiciary, Washington, DC, 1984-1986

United States Federal Court, Southern District of Indiana

Federal Court Law Clerk for Magistrate J. Patrick Endsley, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1984

Indiana Legislative Services Agency

Legislative Counsel, Staff Attorney, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1981-1983

B. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your practice of law, present and former, and provide the names of your partners, associates, office mates, and employers.

Office of the Attorney General, Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer Protection

- Manages/Supervises staff of 100, including 34 attorneys.
- Responsible for policy/administration for the following divisions: Homeowner Protection Unit (mortgage fraud, predatory lending) and Professional Licensing; Medical Licensing; Consumer Litigation (general consumer litigation as well as antitrust and nonprofit law) and Identity Theft Unit; Consumer Mediation; Telephone Privacy; and Consumer Outreach.

New Initiatives:

- Developed new Consumer Outreach program serving 23,000 Hoosiers through 311 outreach events in 89 counties in the areas of Foreclosure Prevention, ID Theft, etc.
- Initiated Consumer Mediation program using pro bono attorneys and law students.
- Sponsoring statewide conference targeting small nonprofit corporations scheduled for October 2010, in partnership with IU School of Philanthropy, IU Solutions Center, Grantmakers Alliance.

- Developed OAG foreclosure prevention program, including: settlement with Countrywide Mortgage; hiring 2 new attorneys to focus on foreclosure prevention/predatory lending; aggressively pursuing mortgage fraud and for profit mortgage consultants in violation of IN law; assisting/partnership with IN Supreme Court with foreclosure prevention/settlement conference preparation CLEs; acting as facilitator for 17 training events for pro bono attorneys and mediators; presentation of settlement conference preparation events around the state.
- Sponsored first Government wide pro bono training in partnership with Indiana Bar Foundation, using the Supreme Court developed foreclosure prevention CLE, trained 75 government attorneys.
- Joined Central Indiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking, assisting U.S. Attorney's Office, IMPD, and other coalition partners to fight human trafficking.

Employed by Attorney General Gregory Zoeller; work with Solicitor General Tom Fisher; Chief Deputy Gary Secrest; Chief Counsels: Patricia Orloff Erdmann, Allen Pope, Richard Bramer, and Andrew Swain.

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

Executive Director and Co-Founder: General Civil Practice with concentration in Immigration, Housing, Tax, Consumer/Debt/Bankruptcy, and Family Law. Neighborhood CLC is a HUD certified Housing Counseling Agency, and an IRS designated Low Income Tax Clinic. NCLC won the 2004 Indiana Achievement Award for Impact in the Community for the NCLC Immigrant Outreach Program.

- Managed/supervised staff of 30, including 8 attorneys and 10 VISTA members.
- Maintained full caseload, concentrating in housing, asylum law, Social Security Disability/Supplemental Security Income appeals, and general poverty law.
- Developed business and long range plans with Board of Directors' approval. Growth of clinic in 15 years from an all volunteer program with one site to 12 intake sites with one in Fort Wayne and 7 preventive law education sites. It serves more than 13,000 low income families annually.
- Recruited over 100 attorney volunteers from major law firms, local churches and community-at-large to represent hundreds of low-income families *pro bono*.
- Developed marketing strategies for workshops and outreach opportunities.
- Procured federal, state, United Way, and foundation grant support, as well as individual and corporate contributions to fund clinic.
- Instituted community Preventive Law Education workshop program providing legal information that empowers homeless and new immigrant families.
- Developed interpretation/translation capacity within total clinic program to serve growing area low-income immigrant community.

Supervised/worked with the following attorneys: Joshua Abel; Angelin Fisher, Lisa Yankey; Stephanie Fairfield, Merryn Gluys, Dee Dee Gowan, Chris Purnell, and Ida Lamberti.

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

*Minority Chief Counsel and Staff Director/ General Counsel, Washington, DC
Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks 1986-1989*

- Responsible for drafting and managing Judiciary Committee legislation on behalf of ranking minority member Orrin Hatch.
- Supervised staff of three attorneys, two support staff, and legal interns.
- Drafted legislation and staffed hearings on copyright, Constitution, antitrust, courts, criminal law, and administrative practice. Staffed judicial nomination hearings for Supreme Court, Supreme Court Chief Justice, Circuit Court and District Court nominations.
- Served as member of Senate Staff with principal responsibility for enactment of Process Patents Amendments Act, Trademark Revision Act Amendments, Child Pornography and Obscenity provisions of National Narcotics Leadership Act, Sentencing Reform Act Amendments.

General Counsel, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Washington, DC, 1984-1986

- Responsible for drafting and managing Judiciary Committee legislation on behalf of Subcommittee Chairman Orrin Hatch.
- Served as member of Senate Staff with principle responsibility for enactment of Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act and False Claims Act Amendments.

Employed by Senator Orrin Hatch, worked with Randall Rader, currently Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit; Mark Disler.

Office of Senator Richard G. Lugar

Legislative Assistant, Washington, DC, 1984-1986

- Responsible for monitoring/ reporting on legislation and Executive Branch activities.
- Analyzed/drafted legislation for judiciary and health issues.
- Advised the Senator on policy, voting, and co-sponsoring introduction of legislation or other actions.
- Prepared speeches and breakdown materials for Senator.
- Gave speeches and represented the Senator in interviewing constituents and representatives from various interest groups.
- Served as a member of Senate Staff on enactment of Smokeless Tobacco Labeling Act.

Employed by Senator Richard G. Lugar, worked with: Ellen Whitt, currently Director of INShape Indiana; Lesley Reser, currently State Director Office of Senator Lugar.

C. Describe the extent of your jury experience, if any. None

D. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your judicial experience, including a description of your experience presiding over jury trials, if any. Not Applicable.

VI. A. If applicable, list by caption, case number, and filing date up to five of your trial or appellate briefs and/or written judicial opinions.

Howard Brembeck et al VS. Madelyn Wurster et al, Case No. 43D01-0609-MI-692, IN The Kosciusko Superior Court No. 1, Warsaw, IN, filed June 4, 2010.

In the Matter of Carson Lenza Zathang, Case No. A 098-932-923, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Office of the Immigration Judge, Chicago, Illinois, filed January 26, 2007; Board of Immigration Appeals, Falls Church, VA, filed October 24, 2007.

In the Matter of Tawk ZaLian, Case No. A 098-932-924, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Office of the Immigration Judge, Chicago, Illinois, filed February 7, 2007; Board of Immigration Appeals, Falls Church, VA, filed August 22, 2007.

In the Matter of Jose Mario Zelaya-Martinez, Case No. A 078-999-980, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Office of the Immigration Judge, Chicago, Illinois, filed October 5, 2007; Board of Immigration Appeals, Falls Church, VA, filed December 5, 2007.

In the Matter of Ndumiso Ndlovu, Case No. A 076-398-281, Board of Immigration Appeals, Falls Church, VA, filed March 28, 2007.

B. If applicable, list up to five legislative drafts or court rules you have written or to which you contributed significantly. Refer to them by official citation, by date, and by subject matter.

In the course of my position as Director of Consumer Protection, Office of the IN Attorney General, I participated in drafting proposals, discussions, analysis, and implementation of the following bills that impact Consumer Protection:

HB 1332 – real estate transactions and credit services

- Amends the definition of "credit services organization" for purposes of the law governing such entities to include a person that obtains or offers to obtain a lower interest rate with respect to a consumer loan or a residential mortgage loan.
- Also expands the definition of "credit services organizations" to include debt settlement companies.
- Provides that a "credit service organization" does not include: (A) a loan servicer acting on behalf of the holder of a consumer loan or a residential mortgage loan; or (B) a debt management company.
- Provides that before a credit services organization or mortgage foreclosure consultant may do business in Indiana, it must file a copy of the required surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit with the attorney general.
- Prohibits a person from maintaining an escrow account used to pay real estate taxes and insurance for residential real estate unless the person is: (1) a specified financial institution; (2) the creditor in a mortgage transaction; (3) a mortgage

servicer acting on behalf of the creditor in a mortgage transaction; or (4) a closing agent.

- Provides that in a real estate transaction involving a land contract between the seller and the buyer, the seller must give to the buyer, at certain specified times, written notice of any encumbrance that affects the title to the real estate.
- Provides that upon the suspension of a principal broker's license, the real estate commission shall take custody of each trust account maintained by the principal broker on behalf of others. (Current law requires the commission to take custody of a principal broker's trust accounts upon only the expiration or revocation of the broker's license.)
- Provides that a person that knowingly or intentionally violates the statute concerning mortgage rescue fraud commits a Class A misdemeanor.
- Gives victims in independent escrow company cases ability to obtain restitution through SOS loan broker fund. (*Effective March 24, 2010; expires August 1, 2010.*)
- *Also contains other provisions not proposed or not supported by OAG.*
- <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2010/HE/HE1332.1.html>

SB 356 – professional licensing matters and abandoned records

- Establishes procedures for the attorney general to seize, secure, store, and destroy abandoned health records and other records containing personally identifying information.
- Creates a health records and personal identifying information protection trust fund to pay for costs associated with securing and maintaining the records.
- Establishes a uniform procedure to allow a board of a regulated occupation to issue a cease and desist order to an unlicensed person who engages in an activity that requires a license.
- Eliminates the controlled substances advisory committee and transfers responsibilities to the Indiana board of pharmacy. Provides for automatic revocation of controlled substances permit if a physician's license is revoked. (Current law requires a separate administrative process to take place if physician's license is revoked.)
- *Also contains other provisions not proposed or not supported by OAG.*
- <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2010/SE/SE0356.1.html>

In the course of my work on the United States Senate Judiciary committee, I served as member of Senate Staff with principal responsibility for enactment of the following legislation:

- Public Law 99-562: Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act and False Claims Act Amendments of 1986, enacted October 27, 1986.
- Public Law 100-667: Trademark Law Revision Act of 1988, enacted November 16, 1988.
- Public Law 100-690: Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, enacted November 18, 1988; Child Pornography and Obscenity provisions of National Narcotics Leadership Act.

C. If applicable, list up to five of your contributions to legal journals or other legal publications. Provide titles, official citations, and a brief description of the subject matter.

Faith Based Providers Partnering with Government: Opportunity or Temptation 42 JOURNAL OF CHURCH AND STATE 37 (2000). *Explores issue of faith-based providers of service receiving government funding and examines the Establishment Clause, Free Exercise and Free Speech jurisprudence implications of these partnerships.*

The legislative Response to Infant Doe

59 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 377 (1984). *Analyzes federal and state legislation responding to the issue of treatment of handicapped infants and the constitutional implications of that legislation.*

Hospice: The Legal Ramifications of a Place to Die

56 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 673 (1981). **Reprinted by Bureau of National Affairs,** 4 SPECIALITY LAW DIGEST-HEALTH CARE 5 (1982). *This note analyzes potential liability and constitutional implications of providing hospice care and outlines recommendations for treatment procedures and legislative reform.*

D. Include with your application copies of any four of the written materials listed above in Section VI. A., B., and C. See attached.

E. Describe the nature and extent of any *pro bono* legal services you have contributed.

Pro bono legal service is extremely important to me and I have embraced Chief Justice Shepard's encouragement that attorneys should donate their time to serve low income families. I co-founded the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in 1994 and served as its volunteer Executive Director for six years. The clinic operated as an entirely volunteer organization for the first six years, starting with six *pro bono* attorneys, including me, and growing to 30 volunteer attorneys. This tradition of using *pro bono* attorneys has continued with the clinic, with more than 100 *pro bono* attorneys volunteering their time each year for the last eight years.

Since joining the Office of the Attorney General as Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer protection, I continue to encourage *pro bono* service. In July 2009, I directed the OAG effort to sponsor the first government wide *pro bono* legal training in partnership with the Indiana Bar Foundation. This training used the Supreme Court developed/sponsored foreclosure prevention CLE program and 75 government attorneys were trained to represent Hoosier homeowners facing foreclosure at their settlement conferences. To date, Consumer Protection Division attorneys have taken 15 *pro bono* settlement conference cases. I have personally taken 5 *pro bono* cases in 2009-2010, representing 3 families facing foreclosure and representing two persons seeking asylum.

F. Identify the five most significant legal matters entrusted to you whether as a judge or lawyer, and describe why you believe them to be so.

- 1) The most significant legal matter I have had the privilege to develop and direct is the OAG foreclosure prevention program. I personally attended the Supreme Court Foreclosure Task Force meetings to ensure that the OAG works in partnership with these efforts. The OAG supported and testified in favor of SEA 492, legislation which gave homeowners the right to seek a settlement conference after foreclosure has been filed against their home. One of the factors identified as exacerbating the foreclosure crisis facing Hoosier homeowners is the inability for a homeowner to communicate effectively with the lender, even when the homeowner is eligible for a loan modification or other option to prevent foreclosure. The settlement conference procedure enacted through SEA 492, is a critical addition to the process because it allows the homeowner to meet directly with the lender or its attorney who has settlement authority, and determine if there are alternatives to foreclosure that are available to them. I directed the OAG efforts to support the Supreme Court initiatives to create a *pro bono* Continuing Legal Education video to train *pro bono* attorneys to represent homeowners at these foreclosure settlement conferences, and then to facilitate these trainings. I personally facilitated 11 of these trainings statewide, volunteering to facilitate where the *pro bono* plan administrators had difficulty finding a volunteer attorney in their area to facilitate. Further, the OAG has been very aggressively fighting predatory lending and settled with Countrywide Mortgage for \$2.8 million dollars in consumer restitution. In addition, we target for-profit mortgage foreclosure companies that violate Indiana law and have sued more than 16 such companies. We continue to conduct settlement conference preparation events statewide. These events educate homeowners, as well as nonprofit and government programs that serve distressed homeowners, about the foreclosure process, and how to prepare for a settlement conference. We seek to work closely with the new Supreme Court program that uses court facilitators to encourage and coordinate foreclosure settlement conferences and plan to conduct settlement conference preparation events in the same counties as the Supreme Court pilot court facilitator programs. Currently, I am working with Judge Melissa May to coordinate a follow-up foreclosure prevention CLE, scheduled with ICLEF for October 28, 2010.
- 2) The second most significant legal matter entrusted to me is also in my capacity as the OAG Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer Protection. Medical Licensing is one of my divisions and I have directed an initiative to crack down on physicians who are violating Indiana law by overprescribing prescription drugs and/or prescribing to known addicts. We have discovered that addiction to prescription narcotics has become an epidemic, surpassing illegal/street

drugs as the drug of choice for addicts. Our goal is to protect consumers by disciplining physicians who are violating Indiana law and endangering the public. OAG Medical Licensing is the first line of defense to protect consumers from these overprescribing physicians. This is because we can work more quickly than our federal counterparts to identify and remove the perpetrators' ability to prescribe these addictive drugs. This area of drug abuse is newly being recognized due to the deaths of celebrities such as Keith Ledger and Michael Jackson. I am directing the OAG sponsorship of a symposium planned for this September to highlight this growing problem. We will invite representatives from law enforcement, pharmacy, and physicians' groups, as well as advocates for the elderly and children to meet, examine this growing crisis, and determine action steps to further protect the public and address the problem.

- 3) Another critical legal matter entrusted to me during my tenure as Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer protection is the Howard Brembeck et al VS. Madelyn Wurster et al, Case No. 43D01-0609-MI-692. I personally litigated this case on behalf of the IN Attorney General. It is my understanding that this decision is the first instance where the Indiana Attorney General has exercised his authority under Indiana nonprofit law to not only permanently remove a board of directors that has been found by the court to have breached its fiduciary and other duties, but also to enjoin the return of property that was unlawfully transferred, and appoint a receiver to maintain the property, perform an accounting of assets and liabilities and ultimately make a recommendation to the court as to the future disposition of the property. I find this case to be significant, not only because it sets a new precedent, but because the decision preserves a valuable Indiana asset, that may now be enjoyed by the community for generations to come.
- 4) When I was Executive Director of the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, I personally represented the first human trafficking victims to receive T Visa protection in our area, and likely in the state of Indiana (Yael Reyes Pedraza, A088-525-126; Yesenia Pedraza, O88-527-930; William Reyes, A 088-527-913; and Tania C. Montoya Galindo, A 099-665-739). At my direction, the clinic became the legal services partner of the Central Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a Justice Department task force, whose partners also include: Julian Center, Exodus Refugee, U.S. Attorney's Office, IMPD. All of my human trafficking clients were teens when they came to me, ranging in age from 15 to 18. They had all been abused by their traffickers, and one had been forced into prostitution since she was 13. This was an extremely rewarding experience, because I was successful in assisting my clients to receive protection from their traffickers and the chance to start a new life.

- 5) My main area of practice at the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic was asylum: representing victims of persecution in their home country because of their political or religious beliefs, their race or national origin, or because they belonged to a disfavored social group. Asylum cases require a significant expenditure of attorney resources as each case requires a brief of 100-150 pages and 2-5 hearings in Chicago before the Immigration Court. It was a privilege to represent these clients who are among the bravest, most principled people I have ever met. Each faced torture and generally also death for their willingness to stand up for what they believed. I assisted 55 clients with their asylum claims, arguing 19 cases before the Chicago Immigration Court and/or the Board of Immigration Appeals.

G. Provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three attorneys who have been your professional adversaries in your practice or who have litigated substantial cases in your court and who would be in positions to comment on your qualifications for appointment to the Indiana Supreme Court.

Steve Fink, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, 600 One Summit Square, Fort Wayne, IN 46802; (260) 425-4664.

Phillip Whistler, Ice Miller, One American Square, Suite 3100, Indianapolis, IN 46282-0200; (317) 236-2349.

Nathan J. Feltman, Baker & Daniels, 300 N. Meridian St., Suite 2700, Indianapolis, IN 46204; (317) 237-8409.

- VII. A. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) toward the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice.

ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS

Indiana Lawyer Leadership in Law Distinguished Barrister Award	2009
Indianapolis Bar Association Antoinette Dakin Leach Award	2008
Indiana University Maurer School of Law Distinguished Service Award	2006
Starkey Entrepreneurial Woman Award	2005
Christian Legal Society's Christian Legal Aid Staff Member Award	2004
Indiana State Bar Association Women in the Law Achievement Award	2002
Indiana Bar Foundation Pro Bono Public Award	1998

IMPROVEMENT OF THE LAW

As noted above in Question VI B, in the course of my position as Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer Protection, Office of the IN Attorney General, I worked to improve the law by forwarding legislative changes that significantly improve consumer protection. Specifically HB 1332 ensures that for-profit credit services organizations may not evade Indiana law. It also protects consumers who might be harmed by for-profit credit services and mortgage consultant companies by requiring that they must obtain a surety bond. In addition, companies that commit mortgage rescue fraud, face a criminal charge. Similarly, SB 356 improves the law by establishing a procedure to protect abandoned health or other sensitive records from Identity theft. It also establishes a new procedure wherein those practicing a professional activity without the required license, may be forced to cease and desist this activity, thus protecting the public from those who not qualified to practice the profession.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM

I have worked to improve the legal system with respect to Foreclosure Prevention, both as Executive Director of the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, and also as Director and Chief Counsel of Consumer Protection. As noted above in VI F 1), I developed and direct the foreclosure prevention program and have worked with the Supreme Court to fight foreclosure, both by supporting the Supreme Court efforts to train more than 1000 *pro bono* volunteers, but also through: training government attorneys to represent homeowners; conducting and speaking at foreclosure prevention/settlement conference preparation events throughout the state; directing mortgage fraud and predatory lending initiatives at the OAG; and finally, leading by example; representing homeowners in settlement conferences *pro bono* myself.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

In 1994 I co-founded the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and for 15 years (1994 to 2009), I served as its Executive Director. We opened the clinic in response to the great need for ***pro bono* legal services** for low income persons in the Indianapolis area. We recognized that in addition to providing legal representation, another critical goal is empowering low income families through **preventive law education** so that future legal issues can be mitigated or avoided altogether. The clinic is a faith based, *pro bono*, non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation, providing legal representation and preventive law education for low income central Indiana families, targeting minority, inner city, and immigrant families. The clinic began as an all volunteer program with 30 *pro bono* volunteers after 6 years of operation. Currently, more than 100 *pro bono* attorneys donate their time each year and it has a budget of more than \$1 million dollars. It employs 36 persons, including 9 attorneys, and has 12 intake sites, including an office in Fort Wayne. The clinic is a HUD Housing counseling Agency, working to prevent foreclosure, an IRS Low Income Tax Clinic, and the legal services member of the Justice Department sponsored Coalition Against Human Trafficking. The clinic provides legal representation to more than 13,000 Hoosier families annually.

- B. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) concerning civic, political, or social issues.

Human Trafficking: As Executive Director of the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, I personally represented human trafficking victims to receive immigration relief. I also conducted outreach and training for *pro bono* attorneys, prosecutors' offices (CLE), service providers to immigrant and low-income families, and the public regarding how to identify victims and the legal relief and services available to human trafficking victims.

At the Attorney General's Office, I am working with other OAG staff to develop a human trafficking response that includes participation in the Central Indiana Coalition Against Human Trafficking and other proposals to effectively fight human trafficking in Indiana.

- C. List any memberships and offices you have held in civic or charitable organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

Trinity Church

2001-2010

Elder

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic

2009-2010

Board of Directors, Chair, Vice Chair. The clinic provides legal representation and preventive law education for low income central Indiana families, targeting minority, inner city, and immigrant families.

ServLife International

2010

Board of Directors. ServLife works in India, Nepal, Thailand and Haiti to rescue children at risk, end hunger, train local leaders, promote community development.

Centro Familiar Vida Nueva

2005-2009

Board of Directors. Vida Nueva provides ESL, summer camp, and other services to immigrant families in Southwest Indianapolis.

- D. List any memberships and offices you have held in professional organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

Indiana State Bar Association Pro Bono Committee 2008-2010

Member. The purpose of the Pro Bono Committee is to fulfill the Indiana State Bar Association's commitment to pro bono efforts as an integral part of its mission and long-range planning.

Heartland Pro Bono Council

2000-2009

Board Member and Secretary. Heartland Pro Bono Council recruits and trains attorneys to represent low income people who have a civil legal matter in central Indiana. The Board provides advice and leadership for the IOLTA Pro Bono program, District 8.

Annenberg Washington Program on Curbing International Piracy Project

Participant. Washington, D.C. Project examining issues of piracy of intellectual property.

1988

United States Delegation, International Conference on Design Protection

Member. Geneva, Switzerland. Conference examining international piracy.

1984

St. Vincent Hospice

Advisory Committee; Board Member. Indianapolis, Indiana. The Board and Advisory Committee provided advice guidance and leadership for the Hospice.

1982-1984

E. List any memberships you hold in social clubs or organizations. If any restrict its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, please describe your efforts within the organization to eliminate restrictions.

Woodstock Club. No restrictions.

F. Indicate your experience teaching law, and provide the dates, names of institutions or programs, and a description of the subject matter taught.

Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis:

I have been a guest teacher at Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, most recently as a guest of professor John Krauss, for the spring semester 2010 Civil Mediation class.

Continuing Legal Education and other Presentations:

Human Trafficking and Immigration Protections for Immigrants in Crisis,

Continuing Legal Education

2006-2008

Religion and the Constitution, Indiana Civil Liberties Union, Continuing Legal Education

2006

Housing Issues Facing Latino Families, Civil Rights Commission Fair Housing Conference

2004

Funding Faith, Butler University Seminar on Religion and World Civilization

2003

Separation of Church and State, Massachusetts School of Law "A Question of Law," television program, along with Ira Lupu Lyle Denniston and Connie Rudnick

2001

Federal Funding and Faith Based Programs, Indiana Civil Liberties Union Conference on Religion and the Constitution. Continuing Legal Education

2001

H. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.

I love to read, ride a tandem bike with my husband, sew, and garden.

VIII. A. Provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references other than those listed in Section VI. G.

Attorney General Gregory Zoeller: 302 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN. 46204; (317) 233-6530

Joseph Miller: Baker & Daniels, 300 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; (317) 237-1415

Lynn Tyler: Barnes & Thornburg, 11 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; (317) 231-7392

B. Provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three personal references other than those listed in VI. G.

Ellen Whitt: Director of INShape Indiana, 200 West Washington St., Room 206 Indianapolis, IN 46204; (317) 232-1200

Todd Fisher: Pastor, Trinity Church, 6151 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46220; (317) 270-8209

Bette Slayton: President and CEO of the Bedford County Development Association, One Corporate Dr. Suite 101, Bedford, PA. 15522; (814) 632-4816; cell: (814) 977-2435.

C. List any lawsuits or legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, including bankruptcies and dissolutions, to which you have been a party. Provide dates, case numbers, names of other parties, and, if needed, a brief explanation. Not applicable.

D. If you ever have been arrested or cited for any violation of the law other than for routine traffic violations, provide dates, jurisdictions, and an explanation of the event and its resolution. NO.

E. If you are or have been a member of the Bar of any other state, identify the jurisdiction and provide dates. Not Applicable.

F. If you have been disciplined or cautioned, formally or informally, by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, by the Indiana Supreme Court, or by similar entities in any other jurisdiction, identify each instance by date, case number if applicable, and describe the circumstances and the nature of the outcome or resolution. Not Applicable.

G. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize and explain. Not Applicable.

- IX. A. Attach a recent statement from your physician describing your general physical condition.
- B. Within the past three years, have you been diagnosed or treated for an emotional or mental condition or illness, including any condition that involves treatment for drug or alcohol use? If so, provide the dates of assessment and/or treatment and the names and addresses of your doctors or other treatment providers.
- C. Are you able to perform the essential functions of Justice on the Indiana Supreme Court, with or without accommodation? Yes, without accommodation.

6/28/2010
DATE


APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Abigail Lawlis Kuzma
PRINTED NAME

WAIVER AND STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned applicant authorizes the release to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission or its staff or agents any records, reports, and documents, whether or not otherwise confidential, which may be requested by the Commission in the performance of its evaluations of candidates pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2. The scope of this authorization extends to, but is not necessarily limited to, requests from the Commission for Federal, State or local tax records, criminal and driving histories from any jurisdiction, attorney and judicial disciplinary records from any jurisdiction, whether pending or closed, and credit reports and histories. The undersigned releases and discharges the Judicial Nominating Commission, its individual members, its employees, agents and representatives, the Indiana State Police, the Indiana Department of Revenue, the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and any other agency or person or their agents or representatives providing information to the Commission from any and all liability arising from the furnishing and use of information concerning the undersigned applicant.

The undersigned agrees and understands that the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission or its members, agents, or employees, may interview or otherwise consult with members of the legal, judicial, and general community concerning the professional qualifications and the integrity of the applicant, that the name of the applicant will be released by the Commission upon its receipt of the application and this waiver, and that if, pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(d), the applicant is given further consideration as a candidate after the Commission's initial screening of candidates, or if no such screening occurs and all applicants are considered, the application will be made public. This waiver does not constitute an election by the applicant pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(g)(3)(C) to authorize the release of investigatory records which are excepted from public inspection pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(g)(1) and (2).

The undersigned agrees to immediately supplement this application upon any event or circumstance substantially affecting any answer provided in the application.

The undersigned acknowledges having read the Instructions attached to the application.

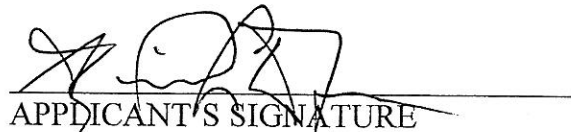
The undersigned agrees to resign from office or membership in any political organization upon submission of this application.

The undersigned affirms that, if nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission to the Governor and thereafter appointed to this judicial office, the candidate will accept the appointment.

DATE

6/28/2010

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE



Abigail Lawlis Kuzma
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